

What is claimed is:

1. A device for storing a trailer hitch apparatus at a predetermined storage location, having a male trailer hitch mounting member positioned for mating with a female connector, wherein the female connector is mounted to a vehicle, the device comprising:  
 a mounting portion; and  
 a trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle, connected to the mounting portion.
2. A device as in claim 1 further comprising a block positioned for insertion through at least a portion of the receptacle and for engagement with the mounting member.
3. A device as in claim 2 further comprising a block positioned for insertion through all of the receptacle and for engagement with the mounting member.
4. A device as in claim 1 further comprising a friction member connected to the receptacle.
5. A device as in claim 1 further comprising threads positioned to engage the mounting member.
6. A device as in claim 1 wherein said mounting portion is fixed to the trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle.
7. A device as in claim 1 wherein said mounting portion is movably attached to the trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle.

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9. A device as in claim 1 wherein said mounting portion comprises a substantially flat member.

10. A device as in claim 9 wherein said mounting portion further includes mounting holes therein.

11. A device as in claim 9 wherein said mounting portion further includes mounting cylinders connected thereto.

12. A device as in claim 11 wherein said mounting cylinders comprise bolts.

13. A device as in claim 12 wherein said bolts are threadedly connected to the mounting portion.

14. A device as in claim 12 wherein said bolts are integrally connected to the mounting portion.

15. A device as in claim 14 wherein said bolts are welded to said mounting portion.

16. A device as in claim 11 wherein said mounting cylinders comprise pins.

17. A device as in claim 16 wherein said pins are threadedly connected to the mounting portion.

18. A device as in claim 16 wherein said pins are integrally connected to the mounting portion.

19. A device as in claim 18 wherein said pins are welded to said mounting portion.

20. A device as in claim 18 wherein said pins are cast with said mounting portion.

21. A method for storing a trailer hitch apparatus at a predetermined storage location, having a male trailer hitch mounting member positioned for mating with a vehicle receptacle mounted to a vehicle, the method comprising:

receiving the member into the receptacle, the receptacle being connected to the storage location, and

limiting reciprocation between the member and the receptacle.

22. A method as in claim 21, wherein said limiting comprises accepting a blocking member through at least a portion of the mounting member and through at least a portion of the receptacle.

23. A method as in claim 22 wherein said limiting further comprises accepting the blocking member through all of the mounting member.

24. A method as in claim 22 wherein said limiting further comprises accepting the blocking member through all of the receptacle.

25. A method as in claim 24 wherein said limiting further comprises accepting the blocking member through all of the mounting member.

26. A method as in claim 22 further comprising securing the blocking member in a blocking position.

27. A method as in claim 21 wherein said limiting comprises connecting the mounting member and the receptacle in a friction fit.

28. A method as in claim 21 wherein said limiting comprises connecting the mounting member and the receptacle in a threaded engagement.

29. A system for storing a trailer hitch apparatus at a predetermined storage location, having a male trailer hitch mounting member positioned for mating with a female connector, wherein the female connector is mounted to a vehicle, the system comprising:

a receptacle, connected to the storage location and arranged for receiving the mounting member; and

means for limiting reciprocation between the mounting member and the receptacle.

31. A system as in claim 30 wherein said means for limiting further comprises means for accepting the blocking member through all of the mounting member.

33. A system as in claim 32 wherein said means for limiting further comprises means for accepting the blocking member through all of the mounting member.

35. A system as in claim 29 wherein said means for limiting comprises means for connecting the mounting member and the receptacle in a friction fit.

36. A system as in claim 29 wherein said means for limiting comprises means for connecting the mounting member and the receptacle in a threaded engagement.

37. A storage compartment for a vehicle having a receptacle for holding a trailer hitch mounting apparatus having a male trailer hitch mounting member, the storage compartment comprising:

- a mounting portion connected to the storage compartment; and
- a trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle, connected to the mounting portion.

38. A storage compartment as in claim 37 further comprising a block positioned for insertion through at least a portion of the receptacle and for engagement with the mounting member.

39. A storage compartment as in claim 38 further comprising (a block positioned for insertion through all of the receptacle) and for engagement with the mounting member.

40. A storage compartment as in claim 37 further comprising a friction member connected to the receptacle.

41. A storage compartment as in claim 37 further comprising threads positioned in the receptacle to engage the mounting member.

42. A storage compartment as in claim 37 wherein said mounting portion is fixed to the trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle.

43. A storage compartment as in claim 37 wherein said mounting portion is movably attached to the trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle.

44. A storage compartment as in claim 43 wherein said mounting portion is pivotally attached to the trailer hitch mounting portion receptacle.

45. A storage compartment as in claim 37 wherein said mounting portion comprises a substantially flat member.

46. A storage compartment as in claim 45 wherein said mounting portion further includes mounting holes therein.

47. A storage compartment as in claim 45 wherein said mounting portion further includes mounting cylinders connected thereto.

48. A storage compartment as in claim 47 wherein said mounting cylinders comprise bolts.

49. A storage compartment as in claim 48 wherein said bolts are threadedly connected to said mounting portion.

50. A storage compartment as in claim 48 wherein said bolts are integrally connected to said mounting portion.

51. A storage compartment as in claim 50 wherein said bolts are welded to said mounting portion.

52. A storage compartment as in claim 47 wherein said mounting cylinders comprise pins.

53. A storage compartment as in claim 52 wherein said pins are threadedly connected to said mounting portion.

54. A storage compartment as in claim 52 wherein said pins are integrally connected to said mounting portion.

55. A storage compartment as in claim 54 wherein said pins are welded to said mounting portion.

56. A storage compartment as in claim 54 wherein said pins are cast with said mounting portion.

57. A storage compartment as in claim 37 wherein said mounting portion is integrally formed with a wall of the storage compartment.

58. A storage compartment as in claim 37 wherein said mounting portion is connected to a wall of the storage compartment.